



Nor'Wester

Rotary Club of Northwest Des Moines

www.clubrunner.ca/northwestdesmoines / Fridays @ Noon - UGCC 4000-86th St. Urbandale

Prez Sez

Leray Glendenning



How do you define "peace"? Apologist Michael Ramsden spoke of a colleague who while in Asia asked his audience to close their eyes and imagine peace. After a few seconds the audience was invited to share their mental pictures of peace. One person described a field with flowers and beautiful trees. Another spoke of snow-capped mountains and an incredible alpine landscape. Still another described the scene of a beautiful, still lake. After everyone described their mental picture of peace there was one thing common in them all—there were no people in them. Ramsden commented, "Isn't it interesting, when asked to imagine peace the first thing we do is to eliminate everyone else." Perhaps it is this tendency that inspired Brewster Higley to write the American folk song, "Home On the Range" with the lyrics "where seldom is heard a discouraging word" because there are few humans where "the deer and antelope play."

Rotary International Past President Sakuji Tanaka, suggests that "[o]n its simplest level, peace can be defined by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger or persecution or the suffering of poverty. He goes on to state that "... peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future: a life and home in a stable society." On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm. The truth is that peace means different things to different people. At a professional level, Rotary International has recognized the value of identifying and training highly qualified individuals as agents of peace in the Rotary Peace Centers around the world. We can applaud this noble effort in that we recognize that peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. But must we leave the task of peacemaking to the professionals?

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Scribbles...

Siobhan Spain *Mainframe Studios*



Coming Soon!

February 23, 2018

This Week's Program:

Matthew Wash
"The Good Governor"

Arranged By:

Beth Goedken

Greeter:

Bill Corwin

Invocation:

Jim Lipscomb

Sergeant:

Dianne D-Nelson

Scribe:

Roger Nyberg

2017-18 Officers & Directors

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Beth Goedken, Programs

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Future Programs

3/2: Kent Nebel
Iowa Medical Board

3/9: Mark McAndrews
Rotary Youth Exchange

3/16: David Piersel &
K. Reynolds
Terrace Hill Piano

Other Locations

Monday

West Polk County, Toyota of Des Moines, (Noon)

Tuesday

Ankeny, Ankeny Golf & Country Club, (11:45)

Johnston, Hyperion Golf & CC, (7:00 am)

Dallas Center, Memorial Hall, (Noon)

Norwalk, Echo Valley Golf Course, (6:30 am)

West Des Moines, DM Golf & CC, (Noon)

Wednesday

East Polk County, Prairie Meadows, (7:00 am)

Adel, Patrick's Restaurant, 211 S 7th St, #C, (Noon)

The Greater Des Moines Club, check the District 6000 website for time and location

Thursday

Waukee, Des Moines Golf & Country Club, (6:45 am)

Des Moines, Wakonda Club, (Noon)

Winterset, Pizza Ranch, (Noon)

Friday

Des Moines, AM, Wakonda Club at 3915 Fleur Dr. (7:00 am)

Upcoming Events

CFUM Meals

Monday, February 26th

Northwest Rotary Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 27th - 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Urbandale Library Conference Room

NCPETS Conference

March 8-10, 2018 in Rochester, MN.

Items for the Nor'Wester should be submitted by end of the day each Monday. Please send to:

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Birthdays

Feb 18 Diana Reed

Future Information



Beth Goedken - Program Chair

<u>Program</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Scribe</u>
Mar 2 - IA Medicaid Board	Laura Holmes	Joe Kobes	Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski	Ed Arnold
Mar 9 - Rotary Youth Exchange	TBA	Dan Boes	Bob Moore	Penny Luthens
Mar 16 - Terrace Hill Piano	Bob Moore	Jim Arthur	Roger Nyberg	Joe Kobes
<p><i>Can't complete your assigned duty?</i> Please assist Leray by finding your substitute!</p> <p>Email that information to lglandenni@aol.com also please cc Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski - jmercerc-klimowski@emcnl.com.</p>				

This & That

What Can I Expect to Experience at the Toast to Rotary District 6000?

Each event will start with a social hour followed by a delicious buffet meal. The diverse program will feature Rotary International President's Representative, Lisa Herring from Texas, and Mary Beth Johnson from World Bicycle Relief. Various clubs and young Rotarians will also be featured. There will be displays, awards, a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from other clubs, fun, fellowship and door prizes! Register online at: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=2218196>, pick up a Registration Form at the Information Table at our Friday meeting, or use the form that is attached to our weekly *Nor'Wester* e-mail.

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However one might understand peace there are ways that Rotary can help us to achieve it where we are. To the extent that the absence of peace is caused by the lack of basic needs, we can help to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where it is most needed. To the extent that the absence of peace is caused by interpersonal conflicts, we can build peace by reducing the causes of conflict with bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. Through our Rotary service, we learn that cooperation is more productive than conflict. We learn to value each other, as human beings with human strengths and weaknesses. We learn that every one of us has something to give, and everyone has something to teach. We come closer to people who seem very different from us. And we begin to understand how alike we really are in many ways. We can then experience peace not on the range but in relationships, not in the absence of others but in assimilation of others. We can make a difference in the world!